## RESERVOIR OPERATIONS PLAN EVALUATION (ROPE) STUDY

# CASS LAKE/WINNIE LAKE GROUP MEETING Cass Lake, Minnesota

### December 10, 2003

- 1. The meeting was called to order at noon with 16 people in attendance (attendance list attached).
- 2. At the meeting in July 2003, the group was composed mostly of Cass Lake residents, and the inputs obtained were for Cass Lake. The Wolf Lake and Andrusia residents present requested a later meeting to provide inputs because they were waiting to receive water level information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN-DNR). This meeting was held to gather the inputs from Wolf and Andrusia residents.
- 3. Ryan Hilmer, Cass/Winnie Lake Group Leader, introduced Dan Thul of the MN-DNR. Dan discussed the Ordinary High Water Levels of Wolf Lake and Lake Andrusia. He presented graphs showing the 5-year fluctuations in water levels of both lakes.
- 4. Jeff Kleinert, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE), presented a brief overview of the ROPE study and gave the attendees the web site address to review past meeting minutes and ROPE developments.
- 5. The group was split into two units—Wolf Lake residents and Andrusia residents. Ryan Hilmer led the Wolf Lake group and Jeff Kleinert led the Lake Andrusia group.
- 6. The input sheets were explained, and each group filled in their information regarding recreation categories, scale of importance, range of preferred elevations, flooding/erosion/natural resource category importance, and all of the unacceptable thresholds for each.
- 7. The group was notified that their assistance would be needed again in the upcoming months to review new information.
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Attachment Attendance List

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#### **ATTENDEES**

NameAffiliationPete SwansonWolf LakeBarb RaymondWolf LakeHoward ChambersWolf LakePam WashburnWolf LakeRyan HilmerWolf Lake

Carol Gendreau River between Wolf and Andrusia

Barb D'Orazio Andrusia Ron D'Orazio Andrusia David Quam Andrusia Jim McLandsborough Andrusia Jan McLandsborough Andrusia JoAnn Fallis Andrusia Timberly Jo Christiansen Andrusia Jim Gritman Andrusia Dan Thul MN-DNR

Brenda Halter-Glenn U.S. Forest Service

Jeffrey L. Kleinert USCOE